

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, August 28, 1729.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Aug. 23.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland, and one from Flanders.

**T**IS not long since that we were told of the great Likelihood there was of a speedy Accommodation between their Britannick and Prussian Majesties, and that in order thereto, a Minister of the first Rank was expected at Hanover on the Part of the King of Prussia, to reconcile all Differences, and renew ancient Friendship; which, as was there believed, would be cemented by a Marriage between the Pr. of Wales and the Princess Royal of Prussia: But, to our great surprize, the Letters from Berlin by the Holland Mail of the 25th Inst. speaking of the Hopes they had conceived of an amicable Accommodation of the Differences between that Court and that of Hanover, on account of certain Prussian Officers and Soldiers who had been stopt in the Territories of that Electorate, say they began now to fear, that that Affair will be attended with dangerous Consequences. They remark that it was some Weeks ago that his Majesty's Ministers wrote to those of Hanover to demand the Release of the above named Officers and Soldiers, but that as yet they had not received any Answer; and add, that Orders were sent for all the Regiments to march: And 'tis presumed that a numerous Army would suddenly appear on the Banks of the River Elbe; That they are now actually on their March, 50 Battalions and 40 Squadrons, who are coming from Prussia, in order to form, the Beginning of next Month, a Camp in the Neighbourhood of Magdeburgh, whither the King designs to repair very speedily.

The Letters from Hanover of the 26th Inst. import, That upon the Arrival of the above Advices, Orders were immediately given to the Officers of the Garrison of that City to make the necessary Preparations for a speedy March; That the like Orders are sent to the other Regiments; That a Courier is likewise dispatched to Cassel, to give Orders to the 12000 Hessians in English Pay to be ready also

to march, and that another is sent to Denmark, to demand the Succour which that Nation is obliged to furnish in case of Necessity. All which shows that a Storm is gathering in that Part of Europe, and ready to break out; but we ought to suspend our till th' Arrival of the next Advices from thence. Mean time the Stocks are fallen, viz. that of S. S. to 101, 1 4th. But we may depend that his Majesty will not suffer any Differences that may have arisen between him and the K. of Prussia, unless injurious to his Honour and the true Interest of his People, to come to that Height as to produce a Rupture.

Yesterday the Court of Directors of the S. S. Company, we hear, agreed, after some Debates, to send their annual Ship of 800 Tons to the Spanish W. Indies, to renew their Trade, and to apply to the Government for the Use of a Man of War of 50 Guns to that purpose. The learned Dr. Smallbrook, Bp. of St. David's, has wrote a Vindication of the Miracles of our Blessed Saviour, in opposition to Woolston's Discourses, and will be published in a few Days. 'Tis said that some Letters from Hanover advise, That the Lord Viscount Townshend was set out thence for the Hague.

On Sunday last died Sir Jacob Ashley, aged 88. From on board the *Cornwall* of the 21st we are informed, that the united Fleet continued at Spithead, but heard nothing of Sir Ch. Wager's returning on board.

From a Weekly Journal, Aug. 29.

From Rome we learn, That his Holiness, who was thought to be in a dying Condition, went next Morning and celebrated Mass in the Church of St. Peter, and the same Afternoon visited several of the Churches. Next Day he laid the first Stone of a Chapel, and even fatigues himself in Acts of Piety. 'Tis thought no Bishop ever kept a stricter Watch over his Flock, except what is now practised in England.

They write from Vienna, That Count Bonneval was gone to Constantinople, where it is said he has



changed his Religion. 'Tis not likely he will improve his *Morals* by this Change, for the Turks begin to have as little Religion as *some Christians*.

We have Advices from Bristol, that the good Ship *Francis*, John Morris Master, is lately arrived there from Binie in France with a very uncommon Cargo, viz. 6 Tons of *Old Rags* and 62 Dozen of *Halters*. People seem to be very much divided in their Opinions concerning this Importation; which some think our kind Allies have sent us out of Compassion, and others imagine that it was done by way of Reproach, intimating thereby, that as we may soon stand in need of the former, so we ought to make a speedy and judicious Use of the latter. But whatever might be the Design, it will certainly be taken very ill by *some Persons*, that the French should so officiously supply us with *such Commodities* at this Time; for tho' an *Halter* should be their Lot, all true-bred Englishmen chuse to live and die by their own *Manufactures*.

London, Aug. 13. Some Foreign and Domestic News-papers for this last Week have amused us with certain Propositions, which they pretend to be Part of the Draught of the Treaty which has been contrived by the Ministers of the several Powers, towards bringing Matters to a speedy Accommodation. I say, *amused us*, for they are such as a reasonable Man cannot perswade himself to be a Basis to treat upon; for there is not one Article which regards the Interest of G. Britain: She is only to have the honour of being at *great Expenses* towards establishing Don Carlos in Italy, to which the King of Spain makes Pretence for him, and perhaps of being embroil'd with the Emperor for that purpose.

'Tis ridiculous enough to hear our News-writers make a great Rout concerning the King of Spain's kind Disposition towards us, and the Inclination he shews to restore a good Harmony between the Nations; and to prove it, you have a List of these Articles. They would make such Dupes of us, as the Fellow is represented to be in the Comedy, who brags prodigiously of the Favours he received of some Ladies with whom he travelled, for they gave him Leave to pay all the Reckoning the whole Journey.

As we take it for granted these Articles cannot be a Foundation to treat upon, we therefore omit troubling our Readers with them.

Our News papers, in their Articles from Port-St. Mary's, as well as from Paris, tell us, there is a great Joy on account of the King of Spain's Order for delivering the Effects of the Galleons, which

Order, say they, is without Restriction, therefore the *Treasure* is to be delivered with the *Merchandise*. 'Tis true, the Order for delivering the Effects may contain no *Prohibition* about the *Treasure*; but it is a Thing certain, that the *Treasure* will not be delivered till the Day of Judgment, without an *express Order* for that Purpose. What a delusive way then is this of telling News? And to what Purpose do Men take this Pains to deceive the Public? But the modern Whigs are such Lovers of their Country, that they don't much value whether the Effects are ever delivered, because our Share therein is but small in respect of that of the French. This is a great Comfort, and a Comfort that is increasing; for the Flota is now sailed, and according to our Accounts of its Loading, our Share in the next *Treasure* will be less.

The combin'd Fleet remains still at Spithead in *Order of Battle*, and makes as fine a *Shew* as can be seen in a Summer day.

This Week a French Church in Thread-needle-street was robb'd, and some Money taken away that belonged to the *Poor*. We do not tell it as a strange Piece of News, that the *Poor* should be robbed in England.

From the Daily Post Boy, Aug 23.

Hanover, Aug. 26. General Bulaw received an Express the 24th from Ghore with Dispatches of great Importance; whereupon his Excellency summoned the principal Officers of our Garrison, and communicated to them his Orders, to get the Forces of this Electorate in Readiness to march at a Minute's Warning; and at the same time sent Orders to the Colonels and other Officers of the Regiments at a Distance, to recall the Furlows they had granted to their Men, and to order them to their respective Corps; which they have done accordingly. All the Officers are moreover enjoined to have their Field Equipages in Readiness by the latter End of next Week; and one of the Chiefs among them is set out for Hesse-Cassel, to give Orders for the Troops of Hesse-Cassel in the British Pay, to be ready to march. Expresses are likewise sent to the Courts of Sweden, Denmark, &c. to inform them of the Preparations that are making here to repell Force by Force, in case a certain neighbouring Potentate should think fit to attack us. All which gives birth to a world of Speculation. Upon the whole, 'tis certain we have taken Umbrage at the Encampment of a Body of Foreign Troops betwixt



twixt this Electorate and Mecklemburg, therefore it has been judged proper to march Troops that way. General Bulaw sets out to Morrow for Zell, to give the K. of G. Britain (who is expected here to Morrow after Noon) account in what good Possure all things are put here.

*From the Whitehall Evening-Post, Aug. 23.*

*Hamburg, Aug. 26.* Brigadier Sutton arrived here Yesterday Morning; and on receiving an Express, hastened away to Denmark, whither another Express is since gone after him. We hear that General is to bring the 12000 Danish Troops which the said Crown is to furnish by virtue of its Alliances; it appearing likely that a Flame will burst out, the Court of Hanover threatening to stop the Vessels on the Elbe: So that the Boats of Berlin and Magdenburg are to stay here till farther Orders.

*From the London Evening-Post, Aug. 23.*

*Hamburg, Aug. 23.* 'Tis advised from Dresden, That the 13th Inst. an Express arrived there from Vienna, and delivered his Dispatches to the Electoral Prince: His Highness immediately assembled a grand Council of War, at the breaking up whereof, Orders were sent to several Regiments of Horse and Foot, to be ready to march at an Hour's warning, to enter, as was said, into the Service of the Emperor.

*From the Weekly Medley, Aug. 23.*

Our Letters from Paris mention the renewing of the Persecution of our Protestant Brethren; That their Children are forc'd from them, and some put to Nunneries, others to Monasteries, to be brought up in the Romish Religion; and every one forbid, on pain of Death, to follow the *Light of their Conscience*, all Marriages celebrated by Protestant Clergymen these 4 Years past, to be dissolved, and the Children to be declar'd Bastards. From whence we may conjecture, how great the Zeal of the Prime Minister of France is to serve the *Protestant Allies* of that Court.

*From the Evening-Post, Aug. 23.*

*Cadix, Aug. 9.* The Flota (consisting of four of the King's Ships, and 17 Merchant Ships) are now at an Anchor about a League without our Bay, and only wait a fair Wind to proceed on their Voyage for la Vera Cruz: Most of them are full Ships, tho' contrary to all Expectation.

'Tis currently reported that the Treasure and Effects will certainly be all delivered this Week;

but the frequent Disappointments the Commerce in this Kingdom has met with, has fortified the Merchants against the severest Shocks of Fortune, and there are many who will not believe this Report, and who are not to be convinced but by the actual Delivery.

The three Men of War which sailed from hence the 16th past, went up the Streights: Off Cape de Gart, they fell in with a Snow belonging to Dublin, commanded by Patrick Roche, bound from Algier to Tetuan, and as she had on board about 60 Moorish Passengers, 'twas deemed by them sufficient Cause to make Prize of her, and accordingly they carried her into Almeria, from whence 'tis not probable she'll get away; for out of the many Captures made by our Cruizers, there are very few Instances of any being released.

Count Clavijo, who commands a Squadron of of the King's Men of War, has taken towards Cape Gatta near the Coast of Malaga, an Algerine Frigate mounted with forty three Guns, and whose Crew were 146 Men. Some Days before his Majesty's Gallies took such another Prize.

*London, August 23.* Some Letters from Hanover intimate that the Lord Viscount Townshend was actually set out for the Hague.

Yesterday Mr. Storer, one of his Majesty's Messengers, arrived at the Duke of Newcastle's Office at Whitehall, with an Express from Hanover.

*From the St. James Evening-Post, Aug. 23.*

*Berlin, Aug. 23.* His Prussian Majesty having sent a Minister to Herenhausen, to demand the Release of our People; but that Minister not having been able to obtain an Audience, and his Memorial having been sent back unopened, we begin to apprehend that this Affair will in Time break out into an open Rupture; for we are assured our Court has ordered an Army of 50,000 Men to assemble upon the Elbe, and that 50 Battalions and 70 Squadrons are actually marching, to be joined the Beginning of next Month by 12 Battalions and 40 Squadrons more from Prussia, and to form a Camp near Magdenburgh.

We are told Expresses are dispatched to Moscow, Warsaw and elsewhere, that we may depend upon a good Number of Auxillaries.

*From the French Amsterdam Gazette, Aug. 30.*

*Hamburg, Aug. 26.* They write from Petersburg, that



that General Count Munich had sent fresh Orders to the Troops in the conquer'd Provinces to hold themselves in all Readiness to march.

*Hanover, Aug. 26.* We hear that Measures are taking, upon Advice that the King has received an Account, that a great Body of Prussians had actually entered Mecklenburg.

*Edinburgh, Aug. 28.* We hear from Anstruther, That the Herring Fishing this Season has hitherto had very bad Success on the Fife-side; but that their Boats having come over to North Berwick, they had made a better Hand; so that the Price of that Commodity, which sold before at 21 or 22 sh. the Thousand, was now considerably fallen.

A great many of the Frenchmen belonging to the four Smugglers taken by his Majesty's Ship the *Duel Castle*, have been in Town.

Yesterday the Lady of Mr. JAMES CRAIG, Professor of the Laws, was safely delivered of a Son and Heir, to the no small Joy of that ancient Family.

This Day (being the 15th of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith at 1 o' Clock, 32 Min. Tomorrow, at 2, 18 Min. Wednesday, at 3, 6 Min.

*Haddington, Aug. 22, 1729.*

Best Wheat, 11 10 00.	2d, 11 00 00.	3d, 10 10 00.
Best Bear, 08 06 00.	2d, 08 00 00.	3d, 07 16 00.
Best Oats, 07 08 00.	2d, 07 04 00.	3d, 06 16 00.
Best Pease, 08 16 00.	2d, 08 10 00.	3d, 08 06 00.

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¶ That at Michaelmas next there is to be *Sow* at Gogar, 4 Miles West from Edinburgh, a GRASS PARK, well inclosed with a Stone and Lime Dike. For Encouragement of the Tacksmen, he shall have the Benefit of the Foggage of Clover and other Grass seeds sown in this Park till the said Term of Michaelmas. *Item*, there is to be Sold at the House of Gogar, a large COACH, and a great Quantity of good New and Old HAY. Enquire for *Thomas Baillie*, Grieve at Gogar.

*Just Published, and Sold by most Booksellers in Town,*

The System of the WOMB, with a particular Account of the Menstrues, independent of a Plethora: To which are subjoined a few Observations relating to Cold, and its Effects upon the Body. By THOMAS SIMSON, Chondros Professor of Medicine and Anatomy in the University of St. Andrew's. Where also may be had, *Four Dissertations*: 1. De erroribus, tam veterum quam recentiorum, hominum, circa Materiam Medicam. 2. De naturali veterum medendi via, ante repertum ab *Haruo* sanguinis animalis gyrum. 3. Quatenus humorum in corpore humano nascentium consideratio ad Medicum pertineat; & quemadmodum illi ex frigore corrumpatur. 4. Quatenus ad homines praevalens referendi sint corpora humani morbi? By the same Author.

¶ That the Trustees for the Creditors of JOHN GRAHAM Merchant in Perth, having disposed of his hall Effects, (except some Trifles) and having made Money of them; and his Book-Debts being made effectual, at least, Decrets obtain'd against Debtors for what is not paid: Do hereby advertise the Creditors of the said JOHN GRAHAM, That they will make a Dividend on the First of September next; and they who cannot attend, are desired to send the Instructions of their Debt to their Doers at Perth, that they may get their proportional Part of the Dividend: And that those who neither come nor send, are to have no Share thereof. The Dividend is to be made in the House of *David Millar* Writer in Perth.

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